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THE 2 Kopecs Serpentine PERF. OF BALLYROTSK.

(CONSIDERABLY) AFTER JULES VERNE.

(Continued from page 17.)

After a violent altercation with the clerk as to whether his name was to be charged as one word or three, he repaired in haste to the offices of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, where he engaged, regardless of expense, a personally-conducted tour to Ballyrotsk for himself alone.

Twenty-seven hours, fifteen minutes and a half had elapsed since Alcide Roulette, unknown to the Englishman, had started from Paris. Was it possible that by means of a special train to Dover, a special fast steamer across the Channel, and specially-engaged conveyances—provided by the agents of the ubiquitous Cook—that delay twenty-seven hours, &c., unwittingly incurred, could be made up?

Time alone would show; and time, as usual, was rapidly hurrying onward.

The usual pace of an express train—[We have to omit some very interesting statistics as to rates of traveling by various conveyances, from the earliest time, &c., &c. But the usual considerations, &c.—Ed.]

CHAPTER V.

We left Alcide Roulette, in a *baczmosnah* drawn by three *yeknods* abreast [A means of conveyance which we confess we never heard of before; you may depend upon me.—AUTHOR.], shouting for the Letajoski.

No sooner did the latter make his appearance than he was assailed with a torrent of eager questions.

"Your stock, your stock of stamps, where is it?"

"My stock, Monsieur!"

"Yes, your stock. Did you not get my telegram?"

"No, indeed, Monsieur. When was it sent, and from where?"

"Yesterday week, at 11.29 a. m., from Paris."

"But, Monsieur, telegrams reach us only by the ordinary mails, arriving at Ballyrotsk but once a month. We had a mail just one week since; the next will arrive twenty one days hence."

"Confusion! And your stock?"

"It is gone, all; the drawer is absolutely empty! There will be no more stamps until I have time to print them, and this is our busiest season."

"But stamps like this, the perforated stamps," and Alcide Roulette produced an accurate tracing of the marvelous variety, "what are they, where are they?"

"Alas! Monsieur, all the stamps like that are eaten!"

"Eaten! Merciful heavens! to what straits

have these wretched villagers been reduced! But the machine, the machine!"

"The machine, Monsieur?"

"Yes, the machine, the machine that produces this perforation?"

A light dawned upon the Letajoski, a brilliant idea flashed across his mind.

"Monsieur, if you will stay here but one night, only till to-morrow morning, you shall have—for the ridiculously small sum of three roubles, two kopecs and a half, silver, paid in advance—you shall have the machine. I swear it, upon the honor of an officer of the 15th Class of the Order of the Holy Blue Boar."

Mystery upon mystery! Why was not the machine forthcoming at once?

But the wily Letajoski would give no explanations, and, the sum being but a small one, Alcide Roulette paid it, and the skin of the officer of the Order of the Holy Blue Boar was saved from the knout!

Alcide Roulette retired to such rest as he could obtain in the miserable quarters that were alone available. It was plainly useless to order supper, when the inhabitants had been reduced to devouring their postage stamps. He swallowed the few fragments which he had fortunately saved from his dinner, and retired to the humble apology for a bed that had been provided for him in the licensed drinking shop.

To bed, but not to sleep! No! All the most influential inhabitants of the district united to render sleep impossible. To use his own expression, he was *Perce en flece piquee a la punaise*, and rouletted in all the colored lines of the so'ar spectrum!

Besides all this, the thoughts of the extraordinary perforation, and of the mysterious machine which produced those curious *denticulations*, were enough of themselves to keep his brain in a sleepless whirl. Poor Alcide Roulette! Small wonder that at daybreak he was again clamoring at the door of the village post-office, half distracted.

The Letajoski slept soundly, and when he at last awoke it was only to indignantly assure his untimely visitor that the post office did not open till 10 a. m., and that it was contrary to all the regulations to admit anyone, no matter who, before that hour.

Alcide Roulette returned to his comfortless couch.

After feverishly tossing about for an hour or two he fell into a fitful slumber, disturbed by nightmares, in which gigantic perforating machines penetrated his chest, pinning him to the ground with their needles, while a kind of Juggernaut Car with rouletting wheels threatened to divide him into narrow longitudinal strips. On the top of all was seated the grinning Letajoski, with a sheet of serpentine perforated stamps in one hand and the machine in the other.

What was the machine? Pinned down as he was he could not get at it; he could not even see what it was like.

He awoke with a start—it was broad daylight—he had slept, if sleeping it could be called, till long past midday.

Now for the machine.

He hurried to the post office. The Letajoski received him with a pleasant smile, quite unlike the fiendish grin of that horrible dream, and asked—without the slightest tinge of irony—whether he had slept well. With his natural politeness, Alcide Roulette assured him that he had passed a most agreeable night, and then proceeded to ask for the promised machine.

"Here it is, Monsieur; I have captured it at last!"

And the Letajoski produced to the astonished gaze of his questioner—what? What could it be? A small apparatus of wires and wood with something inside which rattled and—and squeaked!

Could it want oiling, this machine?

What was it? Could it be? It was—

A mousetrap! An ordinary, domestic, penny mousetrap!

And inside it—was it possible?

A mouse! *Mus domesticus! Mus ridiculus!* [Even at this most exciting moment, the author could not resist the opportunity of introducing a few pages dealing with the natural history of the *RODENTIA*, which we have no scruple about omitting.—Ed.]

"What does this mean?" exclaimed the indignant Frenchman. "I am in no humor for jesting, Monsieur!"

"But, Monsieur, this is the machine for which you asked. I told you that the stamps were eaten—"

Eaten! Nibbled! Horror!

"Then the serpentine perforation, this extraordinary variety on account of which I have traveled all the way from Paris—is it possible?"

"But certainly, Monsieur—"

"Ha! But it will not happen again. I have caught here the largest and fattest of these rascals, and have the pleasure to hand him over to Monsieur for safe custody. Besides, I have obtained a tin box in which to keep the stamps in future!"

Alcide Roulette was furious.

"These stamps! These miserable labels—"

"Stay, Monsieur, do not abuse my stamps, as the Englishman—"

"The Englishman! What Englishman?"

"The Englishman Mister Brownjonesmith, who arrived yesterday, some six hours before you did and purchased the whole of my stock."

It was the last straw. Alcide Roulette, with 27 hours, 12 minutes, and 30 seconds start, had yet been beaten in the race by some six hours!

"I explained to him, Monsieur, what had happened, as I would have to you—but you were too hasty, you would not listen. And when I had finished he said, 'These stamps—these wonderful varieties of yours—are all blooming rubbish!' I replied to him—I said it with all the dignity of an officer of the 15th Class of the Order of Holy Blue Boar—No, Monsieur, they are not Blooming rubbish, they are—Ballyrotsk!"

THE END.

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EDITORIAL.

The Mekeel catalogue will be out about March the 1st.

It is said that a philatelic Museum is contemplated by Chicago collectors.

Packets, sets, approval sheets and everything else in the stamp line, these days, seems to be sprinkled with Costa Rica remainders.

The Strand, London, England, is becoming a regular nest of stamp dealers. Mr. D. A. Vinden, the well known Australian dealer has opened up at that place.

Messrs. A. & H. Lionais, two of the leading collectors of Montreal, are the publishers of *Le Prix Courant*, which is in all probability the leading French financial journal of Canada.

The recent philatelic exhibition at Zurich attained a successful result financially, and as a result of the same the committee were enabled to donate several hundred pounds to the Postal Charities.

Mr. J. S. Robertson, the well known philatelist of St. Thomas, Ont., was elected a member of the Philatelic Society of London, at the fifth meeting of the season, which was held at Effingham House, on November the 10th.

We see by the Monthly Journal that there are two distinct shades of the St. Vincent 5 d., on 6 d., which was recently issued, the one is a dull carmine, and the other a very brown shade of carmine. Both varieties are quite distinct from each other.

The finest catalogue of Mexican stamps ever issued for advanced collectors is that which Messrs. Collin and Calman are running in the *American Journal of Philately*. It is plainly the result of many hours of exhaustive research and study.

The call for tenders recently issued by the U. S. government for the preparing of four new sets of stamps, calls for the following: 11 ordinary stamps for the use of the public; 24 newspaper and periodical stamps; 7 postage due stamps, and 1 special delivery stamp.

Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 31st., and concluding Saturday, February the 3rd, the Bogert and Durbin Co. will sell at auction the famous Brock collection. This is another of the finest American collections which has been broken up this season and it is reported that several more will follow.

Mr. J. R. Hooper seems to be somewhat despondent owing to the fact that he will have to have another trial. He thinks that the action of the Government is strict injustice, especially that of taking him to a place where he is a stranger, for trial. He, however, states that he is quite confident of being again acquitted.

We have obtained Chicago and New York correspondents to send us regular weekly letters from those places, and we now desire to obtain first class regular weekly correspondents in the following places: Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Toronto. Parties willing to act in this capacity are requested to write stating terms.

Mr. C. W. Kissinger's resignation to the Sons of Philately has been accepted, although charges were made against him in hopes of having him expelled; however as the charges were not proved sufficiently no attention was paid to them. Mr. Frederick S. Fox and R. W. Ashcroft were expelled. The S. of P. is going down hill rapidly.

Kissinger's Philatelic Postal Card has discontinued publication. C. W. K. announces in his issue of Jan. 25th, that the paper has been consolidated with the Pennsylvania Philatelist. It is evident from the number of papers which are amalgamating with the Pennsylvania Philatelist that its subscription list is increasing. We wish Mr. Kissinger success in his many publications.

The Canadian government have again changed

the size of the black post card, which is now in size between the old small card and the large size. We cannot look upon the same as an improvement, for the large size was very convenient to business men. Whether this change is permanent we do not know, but as nothing else can be obtained at the London Post-office we presume that this size is intended to replace the large card.

The Philatelic Society, of San Francisco, have just elected their officers for 1894, which are as follows: *President*, Alfred Greenbaum; *Vice-president*, H. A. Bilay; *Secretary*, H. H. Zobel; *Treasurer*, H. B. Packscher; *Superintendent of Exchange*, J. H. Makins; *Counterfeit Director*, W. H. Hollis; *Auctioneer*, O. L. Blackman; *Executive Board*, S. G. Lyle, Charles M. Daiss, E. E. Northrup, F. Beardmore, and A. J. Sylvester, D.D.S. This society is one of the most progressive societies on the continent.

Mr. N. E. Carter, of Delevan, Wis., whom we reported to have joined the benedicts, states that to the best of his knowledge such is not the case. Mr. R. P. Spooner, of New York City, was also reported to have taken the same step but he says it was not him, "But some other fool." Mr. E. R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn., one of the contributors to the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, was married to Miss Lillian Hunter, on December the 13th. Brother Aldrich, why do you act so blindly? You have our heart-felt sympathy in your sad affliction.

Branch 11, of the S. of P., which has its headquarters at 727 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, Cal., holds meetings every Friday evening and cordially invite all collectors who attend the great Mid-winter Fair, to attend their meetings. On Friday, the 5th of January, the society held their annual election of officers which resulted as follows:—*President*, Dr. W. G. Sylvester; *Vice-President*, Maurice V. Samuels; *Secretary*, H. H. Zobel; *Exchange Superintendent*, A. J. Sylvester, D.D.S. The many collectors who will visit the Mid winter Fair should bear this in mind.

The following, which we copy from the "Stamp News," may interest our readers: "All collectors are familiar with stamps sold by the 1000. Our publishers sell 1 penny English by the hundredweight, but a German dealer has discovered a new measurement and offering a mixture of stamps at 10 pfennige the 'spoonful.' What spoon? A salt spoon or a soup ladle. This is like the miner who found a nugget of gold which he said was the size of a lump of chalk. If our foreign friend will send us over a few gallons, and we like the flavor, we will take 'the mixture as before.'"

We see by the *London Philatelist* that the following new additions have been made to the "Tapping Collection" in the British Museum; Great Britain, current One Penny, printed on the gummed side. Donated by Mr G. Campbell. British Guiana, unused specimen of the 24c. "Official" issue 1875. Donated by Mr. M. Giwelb. Great Britain, envelope of Keble College, Oxford, also a strip of seven of the

Balliol stamps, showing several specimens *tellebeche*. Donated by Professor A. S. Napier. United States, Local "City Despatch Post" 3c. black on greyish paper, unused. Donated by Mr. Chas. Windsor. Such additions as these speedily run up the aggregate value of the collection.

The special stamps which the Belgium Post Office department intend to issue for the Antwerp exhibition, which were mentioned by us in a previous issue, are now being prepared. We are now enabled to give additional particulars regarding the same. The design bears the arms of Antwerp in the centre, and on the right and left angles a head and the arms of Belgium, and the name of the city and country in French and Flemish languages. They all bear the non-Sunday delivery coupon at the foot, and as the editor of the London Philatelist says they are an issue which will redound to the lasting discredit of the Belgian Postal Authorities as serious and responsible officials. The colors and values of these are as follows: 5 c. green on rose paper; 10 c. carmine on blue paper; 25 c. blue on rose paper.

The third general meeting of the British Guiana Philatelic Society was held at their rooms the following members being present: Messrs. Rodway, *President*; T. A. S. Quail, *Vice-president*; J. Markland Lovell, *Secretary*; F. dos Neves Mello, *Treasurer*; H. C. De Silva, *Librarian*; and A. Pinaud, *Councillors*, E. Savory, W. Dorman, J. Weber, W. Clark, G. P. W. Creig, W. Armstrong; Mr. Miller and the two Misses Rodway, (visitors). The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The president then proceeded to the election of members, when the following were elected: F. W. Harm, Altono, Germany; Arthur Richter and Cecil Richter, England; Mrs. Alice Buddin and Miss Lizzie Buddin, England; and Miss Isabella A. P. Quail, Scotland. Six applications were also received. It was moved by Mr. De Silva, and seconded by Mr. Lovell, that the copies of the rules of the society be sold at 8 cents each. Mr. Dorman moved an amendment to the motion, that the first copy be supplied free and other copies be sold at 8 cents each. After a lively discussion the amendment was put to the vote and lost, 4 voting for and 5 against. A paper entitled "Help the Boys and Girls who are Collecting" was read by Mr. De Silva, and a unanimous vote of thanks was recorded. It was moved by Mr. T. A. S. Quail, and seconded by Mr. J. Markland Lovell, that Mr. De Silva be asked to hand over his paper to the society for future reference. After thanking the members for their vote of thanks, Mr. De Silva handed over his paper to the secretary. The president then delivered his lecture on "Color," which was very interesting and instructive, and a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to him. The president then concluded a sale of stamps for the benefit of the society, which realized \$1.88. Mr. Quail exhibited some sheets of the provisional journal stamps of Macao, also the new issue of journal stamps of the same place.

Mr. C. Wesley Price.



As many of the readers of the "*Canadian Philatelic Weekly*" do not see the *Canadian Philatelist*, we present this week a sketch of the Mr. Price whose portrait appeared in the September issue of the above journal. Mr. C. Wesley Price whose portrait we present to our readers this week is personally known by some of our readers, especially those who are Canadians. Mr. Price is a resident of Plymouth, Mich., and is a commercial traveler, representing D. M. Ferry and Co., the well known seed house of Detroit. We scarcely know whether to term Mr. Price a dealer or a collector or both; probably the latter will best describe what kind of a philatelist he is. Mr. Price is a frequent visitor to our office and we cannot but state that he is a true gentleman and a philatelist in all respects. Mr. Price is one of the most fortunate of collectors and we cannot begin to enumerate his many "finds," any one of which would be a bonanza to us ordinary mortals. The last time that Mr. Price called upon us, we may say, that among other gems, he had with him a strip of three Nova Scotia shillings, and some single specimens of the same; strips of five and six Nova Scotia 3d. and 6d. and an abundance of similar rarities, which space will not permit us to mention. If reports can be depended upon, Mr. Price has a small fortune in such stamps resting securely within the walls of a certain Detroit vault.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The old 35c. of Caledonia has been surcharged like the other values.

The trustees of the *Sons of Philatelia* have just completed the new constitution.

Mr. F. J. Stanton, of Smyrna, New York, will hold his 50th auction sale on February the 14th, 1894.

The *Canadian Philatelic Journal*, which was announced to appear from Merriton, Ontario, on the 25th of January, has not yet come to hand.

There has been a change in the management of the *Brooklyn Stamp*. The paper has passed into the hands of Messrs. Post & La Mont.

Although small *The Philatelic Kaleidoscope* is a neat and spicy publication and, to present appearances, it will improve with age.

The *Massachusetts Philatelist* is a new paper that has just appeared from Taunton, Mass. Mr. Ashley, a well-known collector, is the editor.

Scott's 54th edition catalogue lists the different varieties of perforation, paper and water-marked issue of the 1868 of Canada. This step will be appreciated by Canadians.

The *Philatelic Californian* is a paper which San Francisco collectors have reason to be proud of. It is one of the most carefully edited journals that we receive.

Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper held their 34th sale on November 28th. A number of very choice stamps were offered and very fair prices were realized.

Roy Farrell Greene, the well-known philatelic writer, has just finished a work entitled *The Story of Two Conventions*, and the work has been published by Cleve Scott, of Central City, Neb.

The Reporter is a small paper supposed to be devoted to stamps and coins, but it publishes quite a quantity of matter which makes it a little more than an amateur publication.

Mr. Hadlow held his 28th sale in London, England, on the 8th of Dec. last. A very fine lot of Australian stamps were offered, although none of the prices realized were exceptionally high.

Messrs. Cheveley & Co. held their 48th sale on December 12th at their London headquarters. The sale was very successful and the attendance fair. The prices realized were such as would surely satisfy the owner.

Mr. Hadlow's 29th sale, which was held on the 18th of December, contains some very choice lots, prominent among which was a Geneva 10c. on original wrapper which sold for 320sh.

The Tapling collection has at last been completed and arranged in the British Museum. Collectors visiting England should not fail to see this collection which is one of the finest in the world.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer has just finished his trip "around the circle." In his trip he stopped at New York, Reading, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Muscatine, etc. We are informed that he had a very pleasant trip and called upon a very large number of philatelists.

Mr. Chris. Peteison, of Chicago, Ill., is about to issue the *Puritan Philatelist*, which, he informs us, will appear "semi occasionally, once-in-a-while." We have seen a proof of the cover of the paper, which is engraved and presents a tasty appearance.

The *Sociedad Filatelica Argentina*, of Buenos Ayres, have elected the following officers for 1894: President Otto Willers; Vice-President, German Riesel; Secretary, D. Held; Treasurer, V. Roland; Librarian, R. Lertora; Exchange Superintendent, A. Malaguzzi.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Northwestern Happenings.

BY BOSWORTH.

Mr. Alson Brubaker of Fargo, North Dakota, has refused to take the office of International Secretary in the Sons of Philatelia, assigning as his reason the lack of time. Such modesty is unique, if nothing else.

Davenport, Iowa, is waking up in stamp matters. A short time ago we knew of a single collector who made anything of our pursuit, but at present recruits are beginning to make themselves known, and they promise soon to have quite a colony of active Stampies.

Some of our Minneapolis brethren were on needles and pins a short time ago, because of the attempt of a man by the name of M. S. Ketcheson to commit suicide. The daily papers reported the affair, giving the place of the man's residence at Belleville, Ontario, and of course all the boys connected him with H. F. until they found that M. S. was too old to be the well-known philatelist.

The new Northwestern Philatelic Association is progressing nicely. It was started in October last and already numbers about fifty members. This society is only intended for philatelists who reside in the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the two Dakotas, and while it is a sectional society, it is not intended as a rival in any sense of any national society. Its president is Mr. Frank Brown of Omaha, Neb., the secretary, G. W. Achard, Minneapolis, Minn. The official organ is the Northwest. All honest collectors who reside within the prescribed limits are invited to become members.

Auction sales and raffles are all the rage here now. Everybody is looking for some snap, and your correspondent is informed that four of the fellows are casting longing eyes at the Capitalization Prize of the Louisiana State Lottery. They say that if they win the big stake they intend to buy out Scott and run a stamp business as it should be, i. e., to line their pockets with filthy lucre. Well, success to you, fellows.

From our regular correspondent.

NOTES FROM GOTHAM.

BY O. E. WILSON.

The annual meeting of the N. Y. Branch S. of P. was held on the 4th inst., at which meeting the officers for the ensuing year were elected. Dr. Paul Allen, our most prominent philatelist, was elected President, R. P. Spooner retiring; Mr. Chas. W. Grevning was re-elected Exchange Superintendent.

Messrs. W. L. Richard and O. E. Wilson are endeavoring to organize a philatelic circulating library for the members of the N. Y. Branch S. of P. Their idea is to have each member subscribe 25 cents each to a fund, to be devoted to subscribing to every philatelic paper published, and form a circuit each member to receive the papers in turn, and when the circuit is completed to turn the papers over to the library of the Branch.

New York Branch No. 1. S. of P. had the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Clifford W. Kissinger, of Reading, Pa., at their regular weekly meeting, held on Thursday, January 4. Mr. Kissinger arrived in New York just about

the time his Xmas number of the *Pennsylvania* arrived. We were glad to see both, and the opinion here is that he has exceeded all expectations and has given us a magazine worthy of his abilities.

Mr. Kissinger has spent most of his time visiting the leading dealers and taking in all the points of interest, and left us well-pleased with his visit. We tried to induce him to remain with us longer, but as he had an engagement the next day with L. M. Lang, of Baltimore, Md., he could not be prevailed upon to stay. Beecher Ogden and "yours truly" saw him off to Baltimore.

I think it would be a splendid idea for this and other branches of the S. of P. to have their members read papers on stamps and philatelic matters before the society meetings, as they do in all the big societies. It would help and instruct the members and would do a wonderful lot of good. All we do now at our meetings is roll-call, nominations, elections, new business and auction sale. Is this helping the members any? Our auction sales do not amount to much, sometimes not one-half of the stamps offered are sold, and once in a while there are some very good stamps offered, but there is always a high reserve price on them or else their owners are ready to bid them in. Ramsay Pengnet, for instance, has a national reputation for putting us about forty lots of stamps at each meeting and, hiding himself behind Waldemar Wurtz, will bid them all in, very often not selling one lot.

We have one member, thank heaven, who puts up stamps and lets them go at whatever they will bring, his only thought being, "can I get enough money out of this sale to pay for my lunches next week." The guilty party is J. B. Brevoort, our "learned counsellor" who has recently been admitted to the bar (not a saloon).

TESTIMONIALS.

Without being loudly heralded, in fact without any announcement so far as we have seen, Bro. Staebler has launched forth his new weekly stamp paper, *The Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, and if the standard is kept up to the first issue it will be the best weekly published. No. 1 consists of 8 pages, of 3 columns each, cut and pasted, and the publisher announces that the size will vary from four to sixteen pages, according to the amount of matter on hand. We wish the paper the success it seems to deserve, and hope it will live long and enrich the coffers of its enterprising publisher.—*Eastern Philatelist*.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1894.
Mr. L. M. STAEBLER, LONDON, CANADA:
Dear Sir—I herewith enclose my subscription to the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*. The sample copy you sent me has pleased me immensely, and I trust that your efforts in producing such an excellent paper will be appreciated by all collectors. Very respectfully,
J. F. SEYHOLD.

Guelph, Jan. 10, 1894.
Mr. L. M. STAEBLER, LONDON, CANADA:
Dear Sir—Sample copy *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* to hand. It is without doubt the best paper of the kind printed, and Canadian collectors can boast of having the palm in weekly stamp papers. Yours truly,
L. GALBRAITH.

Berwick, Pa., Jan. 12, 1894.
Mr. L. M. STAEBLER, LONDON, CANADA:
Dear Sir—Sample copy *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* received. Enclosed find my subscription. The copy No. 1 before me is what all collectors should appreciate, i. e., an up to date weekly. Yours in philately,
R. S. SWAYZE.

St. Lucie, Que., Jan. 15, 1894.
Mr. L. M. STAEBLER, LONDON, CANADA:
Dear Sir—Enclosed find 25 c. renewal of my subscription to the *Canadian Philatelist*. I consider the magazine *par excellence* and therefore wish a continuance of so creditable a philatelic journal, which should be in the hands of every collector, especially those of Canada. Yours truly,
J. W. MILLER.

AFTER HOOPER AGAIN.

The Prisoner to be Promptly Tried for Attempting to Drown His Wife.

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—Hon. Thomas Chase Casgrain, Attorney-General of Quebec, has decided after due consideration to take prompt action at Three Rivers against John R. Hooper, who will be charged with attempting to drown his wife, the details of which came out during the late trial at Joliette.

Hooper expresses himself confident that he will be again acquitted.

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